

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Environmental education will increase dramatically by the creation of a full week of educational preparation in K-12 classrooms; university campuses; and informal settings, such as nature centers, zoos, aquariums, and museums; and,

Whereas, Collaborative efforts will increase the amount of environmental education taking place in America's classrooms prior to Earth Day, while drawing educator attention to the larger opportunities and value of environmental education for both year-long education and environmental stewardship; and,

Whereas, Environmental education bolsters core environmental literacy in our K-12 students by featuring grade-appropriate environmental literacy goals and content standards; and,

Whereas, Environmental education will encourage schools to partner with local museums, nature centers, zoos, science centers, aquariums, and local parks; and,

Whereas, The professional environmental education community will have an opportunity to annually feature its accomplishments with the nation's educational leaders; and,

Whereas, National Environmental Education Week coordinated by the National Environmental Education Foundation in cooperation with hundreds of outstanding environmental education organizations, education associations, and agencies, will become an annually anticipated event for local participation in schools and various education centers in South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 11-17, 2010, as

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WEEK

in South Dakota, and call upon all citizens to recognize and participate in this special observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State